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GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Hello Brother Knights,

October is traditionally the month of our church drive. This month we held a drive in both the Oak Street and Pierson Street churches.

As we look to recruit new potential brother Knights, I want to reach out to you current brother Knights asking for your support. Our council was recognized as the number one council last year for a reason. It's because of what we do to support our parish community through the principle of Charity.

It is through our combined Fraternal brotherhood that we can do so much. This means stepping out of your comfort zone and thinking about supporting us at any of our many events. Your support can be your presence for 30, 60, 90 minutes. Whatever you can spare. This isn't mandatory but rather voluntary. It's through your voluntary support that makes us great. As we mentioned during your exemplification ceremony, a >> 2

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single strand of thread is not as strong as all strands combined forming a strong rope. You are part of that strand that we need to stay strong. Will you come and join us at the next event? I look forward to seeing you.

As always, if you know of someone who feels left out, please reach out to me at 847-341-1727.

Thank you for all that you do to support this council. Your contributions make us who we are.

God Bless.

Vivat Jesus

Cesar Jimenez
Grand Knight

DEPUTY GRAND KNIGHT'S REPORT



Faith – Service – Charity

I had the honor and privilege recently to represent the Fr. McCormick Council #3880 at the annual Knights of Columbus Rockford Diocese Chapter recognition dinner. For the past forty years, the Rockford Diocese Knights of Columbus have recognized three individuals each year who distinguish themselves as worthy knights within their respective councils, parishes and communities.

I was able to identify several knights from council #3880 who have been recognized in the past. They were Joseph Kaltwasser (deceased), Jerome Mayer (deceased), John Orso and Joseph Scherb. I am honored to personally know two of these knights and wish to say thank you for everything you do for our council.

As I listened to the testimony of this year's recipients; several common themes stuck out.

The first common thread was faith. I know that each of us can always use more faith in our daily lives but each of these gentlemen had it in abundance. If their faith was the size of a mustard seed (to paraphrase the bible) then mine is barely a gnat on a gnat's behind. Their total trust in Jesus Christ was awesome and inspiring.

The second thread was service. The recipients went out of their way to ensure they helped out at every event sponsored by their council. They believed that many hands helped to make the job better and easier. To ensure this success; they made it a point to invite a fellow knight who didn't always participate or get involved too often. One knight called it a buddy system whereas each active knight has 2 or 3 other knights to contact for each event. This method allowed them to serve on two fronts – first was the K of C event for the community and the other was for their fellow knights.

The final common attribute was charity. These recipients gave fully of their time, their talents and their finances. The reasoning was that all three are necessary to ensure successful events within the parish and/or community. They found that giving money was the easiest of the three while time was the hardest as there is only 24 hours in a day. Each recipient made the total commitment to be present; to assist and to support others at every Knights of Columbus event.

I learned that I have a lot to learn about what it means to be a knight of Columbus. Please don't wait for some recognition dinner for you to become a better knight through faith, service and charity.

SK, Bill Bransley

CHAPLAIN'S COLUMN



This year marks the 50th anniversary of the ordination of the first class to the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Rockford. It is good and right for us to take a moment to pause and reflect on the profound gifts this ministry has brought to our local Church. It is good for us to give thanks for the dedicated service they have provided over the past five decades.

In the words of our Bishop, David J. Malloy; "Through their ordination, deacons are configured to Christ the Servant and are called to be a sacramental sign of His service to the world. They serve with a unique grace that enables them to embody the Church's mission of service in a powerful way. In many of our parishes, deacons assist at the altar and help enrich our sacramental life. Most importantly, deacons extend the Church's reach into the world through their ministry of charity and justice. They serve the poor, the sick, the elderly, and the marginalized, organizing and leading efforts that reflect Christ's loving care for those in need. As they live and work in the secular world, they provide a vital bridge, bringing the concerns of the community back to the altar."

We have been particularly blessed at St. Thomas the Apostle with many dedicated deacons over the years. They and their wives have sacrificed much in their service to the mission of the parish and the greater Church. Deacon Allen Bondi (Cathy) (ordained 2001), Deacon Neal Carpenter (Maureen) (ordained 2020), and Deacon Jose Aguilar (Maria) (ordained 2020) currently serve our faith community. Deacon Ed Morrison (Theresa) (ordained 2001) is now retired before serving our community for many years. Robert Telmanik (Cheralyn) is becoming an Acolyte this weekend and is on track to be ordained a deacon in September 2026. Their witness reminds all the faithful of our universal call to service, rooted in our baptism.

Please keep these fine men and their devoted wives in your prayers as we recognize them this weekend with great gratitude in our hearts. Let us also remember in our prayers those deacons who have since been called home to the Lord, giving thanks for their faithful service. When we pray for vocations to the priesthood and religious life, let us also pray for an increase in vocations to the permanent diaconate. We are a stronger Church because of the loving sacrifices you have offered.

Peace, be with you,

Fr. Bob Jones

CHANCELLOR'S THOUGHTS



Suffering

I don't claim to be an expert on suffering or the concept of redemptive suffering, but the idea has intrigued me. I've tried to listen for and then pay close attention to discussions about suffering, people's stories about how their suffering has brought them closer to Christ, and how suffering seems to be a criteria for Sainthood.

his past lent, Hallow's Pray 40 series focused on the story of Takashi Nagai, a radiologist whose suffering had already begun well before the atomic bomb detonated almost directly overhead while he worked in a hospital in Nagasaki. His story is an incredible example of suffering and perseverance, and how he brought an entire community closer to Christ as they rose back up from the ashes of that terrible day. If you haven't heard his story, the Pray 40 series from this past Lent is still available on the Hallow app, or you can read *The Bells of Nagasaki* by Takashi Nagai, or *A Song for Nagasaki* by Paul Glynn.

This October we celebrated feast days for two saints who endured great sufferings, St. Thérèse of Lisieux (October 1) and St. Margaret Mary Alacoque (October 16). St. Thérèse is one of my daughter's favorite saints and so we've promote the devotion to His Sacred Heart and as a result she would suffer greatly. She embraced this suffering and was hesitant to tell anyone for fear that she would seem to be boasting. St. Margaret Mary's story can be found in *The Devotion to the Sacred Heart* by Fr. John Croiset, S.J. What hits me hard as I read the writings of these >> 6

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MONTHLY BREAKFAST REPORT

FOR OCTOBER



Greetings! What a busy morning! All the regular crew were in place ready and eager to provide the normal **FANTASTIC FR. MC CORMICK COUNCIL 3880 MONTHLY BREAKFAST!**

Our plans also included providing our annual **SPRED MINISTRY** Family Style Breakfast that we have been providing for almost 10 years. Turn out was a little light this year, but almost 50 people showed up, and we were ready! Since they are served family style right after the 9 AM Mass, just as around 100 regular diners show up, it's a bit of a scramble... However **Worthy Warden Pat Slowey** came up with a new wrinkle. For a few events, this year I have taken advantage of our "hot box" that we use primarily for the **annual Polish Dinner!** So, what we did on Sunday was start preparing the food before mass ended, par-cooking in some cases, and prepping it in the serving dishes and loading it into the hot box. So once the guests came in and sat down at the reserved tables set up for them, several of the Brothers served them the hot, ready to go food! Happily, it all worked out, and they were very happy about it and enjoyed the opportunity to sit and relax together as one happy family letting us do the heavy lifting!

As for the regular meal, well, it is what it is!!! The normal first mass came in with a smaller crowd, maybe because of the rain? Only 34 people came in, or 17% of those at mass. But as it was October, we re-introduced our fall **Bratwurst Omelet** and sure enough the very first two orders were for that! But after the 9 AM Mass we had 106 people show up... that was 29% of those in attendance... although the mass crowd was only 370, a far cry from what it used to be when Catholics went to Mass on Sunday... but then to top it off, only 56 showed up after the 10:30 Mass, wat short of our usual attendance. But overall, even giving away that large Family Style meal we still met our minimum numbers and made a profit... not as much as we would like, but still in the black.

One thing that always amazes me is how few Brother Knights who don't work the Breakfast don't at least come and help by having breakfast and help us raise our funds for **Charity**... Our prices and food are so way ahead of McDonald's, and our Steak & Eggs dinner with hash browns, toast, coffee or milk AND fruit cocktail, at only \$15.00 beats any deal in town... and mom can sit and enjoy not cooking and the kids don't have to do the dishes! Really, the Breakfast Crew is the most stable group of guys our Council has.... Always there always getting the job done... one is on vacation; there are two *regular* subs to take over... every position... Ask any other event chair how few workers they are seeing these days to help... never a problem for the kitchen crew... There are always certain Brothers who are there just to eat... with family... a couple who are always there with their wife and after they eat, she goes home and he works... and the others who come in later in the morning, eat, then they and kids work the heavy clean-up... I don't need their names here but ask me and I will gladly tell! It would be embarrassing to name them in view of all those not there... And I don't expect every one to show up all the time... but once in a while would be kind of nice and help the bottom line... especially with rumblings of the Council not doing some events in the future because nobody wants to help out for a couple of hour once or twice a year... oh, yeah, like the **St. Pat's Dinner Dance** that has died on the vine and left us short a lot of money for **Charity**... again, just an hour or two once or twice year...And to those you remark, well, you guys are always there!!! Does NOT mean we don't want some help... does not mean some of us are getting old and having a tough time doing it all... anyone remembering reading here a few times about me wanting to, or needing to retire because I am old???? Never heard a word about that...

See you next **November 16th** ... Hope to see you there... one side of the counter or the other!

John



MEMBERSHIP COLUMN

Know His Name

During the Membership Drive at all Masses, the Council Banner was displayed behind the Celebrants, who themselves are Knights of Columbus. The embroidered Banner is recognized by the artwork of Columbus Landing as seen in the Nation's Capital but probably less well known is the name Father McCormick. First and foremost, he was the first Permanent Pastor of St. Thomas Parish and charter member of Council 3880. After his untimely death in 1955, the Council took his name and the City of Crystal Lake named the public square in his memory. All that may be best described as one who reached to all in community and Faith. No email, no text or digital contact but one on one. The best story is of Fr. McCormick announcing the local baseball games. Imagine the thrill of the family to hear their child's name announced by Father McCormick to the cheers in the stands. The same can be said when welcoming a prospective Brother Knight to the Council. Share the experience in practice of the principals of the Knights of Columbus, Charity, Unity and Fraternity. We no longer hear Father McCormick announcing a home run but in our hearts we can do it for our family, community and Faith. "Vivat Jesus"

SK, Robert Kosin





FOURTH DEGREE REPORT

Our last Exemplification of Patriotism for 2025 will be held at Saint Margaret Mary Church in Algonquin on October 25th. Bishop Boylan Assembly will have four candidates including our own Lecturer Vito Defrisco and his son, Tom Defrisco. They are making it a family affair. Welcome to the 4th Degree to our newest Sir Knights.

The Assembly has two (2) uniform allowances of \$200 left for this fraternal year. It is on a first-come, first-reimbursed basis. You must submit a paid receipt along with the reimbursement form to receive payment. You can order the uniform [here](#). The sword and scabbard package can be found [here](#). Our Council has a \$100 allowance uniform allowance as well (maximum of 5) so you could get up to \$300 back on a uniform purchase. Hurry before the Assembly runs out their allotment.

If you haven't been out to the Assembly website in a while, you can find it [here](#). We are updating it with Council events going on with those Councils who make up our Assembly so check it often.

Our next Assembly meeting is on **November 12, 2025**, at 7:30 PM at Holy Apostles in McHenry. If you are a Sir Knight and are not receiving the meeting invites or other Assembly emails, please let me know and I can update your email address to rectify the situation. If you have purchased the uniform for the 4th Degree and are not receiving the Honor Guard callouts, please let me know as well so I can add you to that list.

God bless you and your families and God Bless the United States of America.

Vivat Jesus!

SK, Dan O'Connell

CHRISTMAS TREES 2025

I can't believe it's that time again!! I thought I would list some important dates for you to help with Christmas Trees 2025.

Good news we are able to get 7'-8' Fraser Firs trees this year!!! Also, will be selling Advent Wreaths and candles at Pierson and Oak Street churches again.

Some Important Dates for you to mark on your Calendars

- **Tree Lot Set-up November 8th, 2025 - Need Help!!!!**
- **Wreath Pick-up November 8 & 9, 2025 Info only**
- **Wreath Blessing November 9, 2025- Info only**
- **Install Bows on Wreaths week of November 9, 2025 - Need Help!!**
- **Advent Wreath sales start November 9, 2025 on weekends till November 30th Need Help!!!**
 - **Tree Delivery: Last year was Saturday 11-23-24.**
- **It's normally the week of Thanksgiving. Will keep you posted on date!!**
- **Tree Hours - Help Needed Two Hour Shifts**
 - **Monday - Friday Hours 4:30pm - 7:00pm**
 - **Saturday & Sunday Hours 9:00am - 7:00pm**
- **Sign up sheets will be at the business meeting for Tree set-up, Tree off-loading and working the tree stand. And going forward sign-up sheets will be at the tree stand trailer for you to sign up to work.**

Thanks for All You Do !!

The Christmas Tree Committee 2025

SK, Bob Wyman

November 2025 Supreme Chaplain's Monthly Challenge

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“You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed. By your perseverance you will secure your lives.” (Gospel for Nov. 16, Lk 21:17-19)

Jesus promised his faithful disciples many things — that he will always be with us, that we will receive if we ask, and that he would give us rest. He also promised that we would be hated and that we would be persecuted for the sake of his name. We must persevere and remain faithful despite the hardships we suffer for our faith. May we always put into action St. Paul’s admonition: “Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer” (Rom 12:12).

Challenge by Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William E. Lori:

This month, I challenge you to learn more about the lives of the saints by selecting one or more martyrs to read about and then reflecting on how you can imitate his or her perseverance and hope.

Questions for Reflection:

Have you ever struggled with hope when life has brought challenges? Have you ever experienced bigotry, rejection, hostility or hatred on account of your Catholic faith? What are some concrete ways you can seek to grow in perseverance to face life’s difficulties?

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two saints is how they came to embrace their sufferings, welcoming them and even encouraging more.

In *The Story of a Soul*, St. Thérèse writes, “My desire for suffering was answered, and yet my attraction for it did not diminish. My soul soon shared in the sufferings of my heart. Spiritual aridity was my daily bread and, deprived of all consolation, I was still the happiest of creatures since all my desires had been satisfied.”

St. Margaret Mary writes about five things “the Spirit” is asking her to, “... 1) to love my divine Saviour Jesus Christ with an extreme love; 2) to obey perfectly after the example of Jesus Christ; 3) to wish for suffering ceaselessly for the love of Jesus Christ; 4) to wish to suffer in silence without anyone perceiving that I suffer ,if possible; 5) to have an insatiable hunger to receive Holy Communion, to adore the most Blessed Sacrament, to be humiliated, to live poor, unknown and despised by all, and finally to live overwhelmed with all kinds of infirmities and miseries.”

Yikes! That’s a tough act to follow!

Modeling these saints is intimidating. I don’t know about you, but I’m not quite ready to embrace that level of suffering. However, the depth of love these saints have for Christ and the desire to be united with Him in suffering should give us some hope that when our suffering comes, we will be in good company as long as we carry our cross with love for Christ.

I pray that whatever crosses you bear, may they be made a bit lighter knowing that they can make you a saint and bring you closer to Christ.

God Bless,
Memento Mori,
John Carzoli ~ Chancellor

3880 MEMORIES



Rob Kunz was selected Knight of the Month as a relatively new member who has been involved in the breakfast and was very helpful with the vocation raffle ticket collection and selling the remaining Tootsie Rolls after Mass the morning of the September breakfast.



GK, Cesar Jimenez presents Jose Rios (Caballero De Colon) family of the Month.

REV. KEN STACHYRA



Rev. Kenneth J. Stachyra

August 3, 1950 — September 27, 2025

Rockford

Reverend Kenneth J. Stachyra, 75, died on Saturday, September 27, 2025, in Rockford.

Father was born on August 3, 1950, in Chicago to Chester and Josephine (Sadley) Stachyra. Father attended Niles College of Loyola University, Chicago (1968-1972). Father attended Seminary at Sacred Heart School of Theology, Hales Corners, WI (1977-2001).

Father Stachyra was ordained to the priesthood on May 19, 2001, by the Most Reverend Thomas G. Doran at the Cathedral of St. Peter, Rockford. Father's first assignments were as Parochial Vicar of St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Crystal Lake (2001-2003) and on the faculty of Marian Central Catholic High School, Woodstock (2001-2002). **Father served as Chaplain for the Knights of Columbus, Crystal Lake (2001-2003).** He then was assigned Administrator of St. Flannen Parish, Harmon, St. Mary Parish, Walton and St. Patrick Parish, Maytown (2003-2004). He was appointed Pastor of St. Flannen Parish, Harmon, St. Mary Parish, Walton and St. Patrick Parish, Maytown (2004-2005). In 2005 he was appointed Administrator of St. Bernadette Parish in Rockford (2005-2007) and then Pastor of St. Bernadette Parish, Rockford (2007). Father served as Moderator of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women for the Rockford Deanery (2010). In 2011 Father was appointed Head Chaplain of the Rockford Police and Fire Department. He then was assigned Chaplain for St. Joseph Knights of Columbus (2012). He also served as delegate to the Diocese of Rockford Health Insurance Commission and the Diocese of Rockford Lay Employee Pension Plan Commission (2012). In 2013 Father was appointed Vicar Forane for the Rockford Deanery (2013-2014). He then was assigned to the Diocesan Finance Council (2014- 2019). He also served as Vice-Executive Pastor of All Saints Catholic Academy in Rockford (2018).

Father Stachyra is predeceased by his parents Chester and Josephine (Sadley) Stachyra. Father is survived by his sister Gerilynn (Timothy) Cummings, his niece Susan (Jason) Scurlock, nephews Robert (Brittany) Cummings, Christopher Cummings and Timothy (Mary) Cummings. Cherished great-uncle to Oliver, Eleanor, Audrey Scurlock and Madeline Cummings.

A visitation will take place on Friday, October 3, 2025, from 2:00-6:00 p.m., at St. Bernadette Parish, 2400 Bell Avenue, Rockford. Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Saturday, October 4, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Bernadette Parish; with visitation from 9:00-11:00 a.m., prior to the Funeral Mass. Burial will take place at Resurrection Cemetery, Justice, IL. Arrangements are being completed by Fitzgerald Funeral Home & Crematory, Rockford

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PRO-LIFE REPORT

All forms of life are sacred. The statements below are held as standard faith practice by many religious societies, including Catholic, Judaism, Islam. This sets straight forward statements to refute dissenting views that there are exceptions of life's value on whether fetuses are persons, or exclusions of certain groups from being regarded as children of God.

The statement that "all forms of life, including fetuses, are sacred" reflects a specific viewpoint, most notably held within certain religious traditions and philosophical frameworks, that human life is inherently valuable and should be protected from the moment of conception

This belief is often rooted in the idea of life being a divine gift, and this perspective asserts that it is wrong to intentionally end any human life, including a fetus.

Religious perspectives

- **Judeo-Christian:** Many within this tradition believe that humans are made in God's image, making human life sacred. Some scriptural interpretations, such as Jeremiah 1:5

("Before I formed you in the womb I knew you"), are cited to support the view that God knows and cherishes life even before birth.

- **Islam:** The Islamic perspective views the fetus with respect and protection from conception, and many scholars have concluded that abortion is illegitimate, although some legitimate reasons for it may exist.
- **Catholicism:** The Catholic Church teaches that human life must be protected from the moment of conception because each person is created by God and possesses a spiritual soul from the moment of conception.

Philosophical perspectives

- Some philosophical arguments for the sanctity of life center on the belief in the intrinsic value of human life and its absolute protection.
- Other philosophical viewpoints, such as one presented by Ayn Rand in [New Ideal](#), argue that life is a process that requires individual choice and that a woman's right to choose is essential to protecting her own life and the life she values.

Nuances and differing views

- While many religious and philosophical viewpoints hold that life is sacred from conception, others have different views on when life becomes sacred or valuable.
- Some views argue for the sanctity of all life, but differentiate between human fetal life and other forms of life, depending on whether the human life is desired and loved.
- Other viewpoints may differ on the value and use of fetal life, particularly in cases of in-vitro fertilization (IVF).
- The sanctity of life as a sacred value - PMC - PubMed Central

The doctrine has traditionally been characterised as the view that bodily human life is an intrinsic good, of irreducible value an...

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FIFTH SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 30, 2025 – 9:00AM

5th SUNDAY November 30, 2025

Sunday November 30, 2025 is a Fifth Sunday of the month for which the 9AM Mass is in memory for the Deceased Members of Council 3880 including our namesake Father Edwin A. McCormick. Please consider attending in your Black or Blue Council Shirt and for those Past Grand Knights, the White Shirt as a worthy memento of your service to the Council. But attendance should not limit the moment of prayer on that day. As well as attending or streaming Mass that day, find a place to hear an inner voice or view of His creation and if the weather is conducive, stand outside on that Sunday, long enough to say a decade.



Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you; Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death.

Amen.

And from the gentle repetition of each prayer be mindful of our deceased members, their faith in their clergy, love of Our Lady and how each lived a life in recognition of Tempus Fugit, Memento Mori.

Robert Kosin

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Lecturer's Reflection - Fatima Rosary Prayer

Brothers,

At the end of each decade of the Rosary, we often pray these familiar words:

**“O my Jesus, forgive us our sins,
save us from the fires of hell,
lead all souls to heaven,
especially those most in need of Thy mercy.”**

This is the Fatima Prayer, given to us by Our Lady of Fatima in 1917. It is a simple prayer, but one filled with depth — a prayer that calls each of us, as Knights, to live out its meaning in our daily lives.

The first line, **“forgive us our sins,”** reminds us that our work as Knights must begin with humility. Before we can serve others, we must first acknowledge our need for God’s mercy. It is only by being reconciled with Christ that we can become effective instruments of His love. This humility keeps us grounded and reminds us that our strength comes not from ourselves, but from God.

The next line, **“save us from the fires of hell,”** is a cry for salvation — not only for ourselves, but for all people. The Knights of Columbus was founded to protect faith, defend families, and bring Christ into the world. Every charitable act we perform, every time we stand up for the truth, every moment we defend life and dignity — we are helping to draw souls closer to God and away from sin. In this way, we become part of Christ’s redemptive mission.

And finally, **“lead all souls to heaven, especially those most in need of Thy mercy.”**

This is the heart of our calling. It reminds us to look beyond ourselves, to see those most in need — the poor, the lonely, the forgotten, and those who have fallen away from faith. Our Lady asks us to be instruments of mercy, reaching out with compassion and hope. As Knights, we are called not just to serve, but to serve with love — seeing in every person the face of Christ.

Brothers, when we pray the Fatima Prayer, let us remember that it is more than words — it is a mission. It calls us to be men of forgiveness, defenders of souls, and bearers of mercy.

May Mary, our Blessed Mother, help us to live this prayer each day, so that through our faith and our works, we may lead others — and ourselves — ever closer to her Son, Jesus Christ.

Amen.
SK, Vito De Frisco

COUNCIL NEXT THREE-MONTH CALENDAR



NOVEMBER 2025	DECEMBER 2025	JANUARY 2026
11/1-2 All Saints and All, Souls 11/1,8,15,22 TMIY 11/4 Business Meeting 11/7 Daddy Daughter Dance 11/8 Wreath Pick-Up and Sales 11/11 Veterans Day 11/16 Breakfast 11/19 Caballeros De Colon 11/20 Memorial Mass 11/25 Officers Meeting 11/28-11/30 Christmas Tree Sales	12/1-12/20 Christmas Tree Sales 12/2 Business meeting 12/6,13 TMIY 12/16 Christmas Party 12/17 Caballeros De Colon 12/20 Christmas Tree Sales End 12/21 Breakfast with Santa 12/24 Christmas Eve 12/25 Christmas Day 12/30 Officers Meeting 12/31 New Year's Eve	1/1 New Years Day 1/6 Business Meeting 1/12 Blood Drive 1/17 Confirmation 1/17/24/31 TMIY 1/18 Breakfast 1/21 Caballeros De Colon 1/27 Officers Meeting 1/31 Polish Dinner

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Prayer for the Canonization of Fr. Michael J McGivney

God, our Father, protector of the poor and defender of the widow and orphan, you called your priest, Fr. Michael J. McGivney, to be an apostle of Christian family life and lead the young to the generous service of their neighbor. Through the example of his life and virtue, may we follow your Son, Jesus Christ, more closely fulfilling his commandment of charity and building up his Body which is the Church. Let the inspiration of your servant prompt us to greater confidence in your love so that we may continue his work of caring for the needy and the outcast. We humbly ask that you glorify your venerable servant Father Michael J. McGivney on earth according to the design of your holy will. Through his intercession, bless our parish, our Knights of Columbus Council and Lady's Auxiliary. Amen.



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